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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 26

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SECTION I. INTRAVENOUS SOLUTIONS

1. A certain amount of deterioration will occur in any drug solution in ampoules which are opened and exposed to air. All intravenous solutions should be used as soon after opening as is practicable.

2. A report of all intravenous solutions which are found to contain pyrogens, or which for any reason are found unfit for human use, will be forwarded to the Office of the Chief Surgeon (Surgeon, U.K. Base for U.K. installations) with the name of the manufacturer, lot number, date, and deficiency found. An unopened ampoule of same manufacture and lot number will be forwarded with the report if it is available.

3. The remaining stock of such reported solutions will be set aside and, if necessary, a requisition for replacement will be forwarded to the proper distribution depot. The basis for the request will indicate the action taken in accordance with this directive.

SECTION II. ITEM 1165000. DEXTROSE, 5% IN PHYSIOLOGICAL SODIUM CHLORIDE SOLUTION

1. All stocks of item 1165000, Dextrose, 5% in Physiological Sodium Chloride Solution, bearing lot number 9899F or 9899G and bottle serial number 092749 through 093302, are released for issue and use.

SECTION III. ITEM 9203000. BANDAGE, PLASTER OF PARIS

1. Item 9203000, Bandage, Plaster of Paris, 6" x 5 yds, is now in adequate supply. Requisition will be submitted through normal supply channels.

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SECTION IV. AMENDMENT TO AND RESCISSION OF CURRENT DIRECTIVES

1. Paragraph 34, Circular Letter No. 20, Off Ch Surg, "Preparation and Submission of Medical Department Reports and Records", 2 February 1944, is amended by the addition of the following subparagraph:

"The naval address to be used by all US Army hospitals on the Continent is:

Staff Medical Officer
Commander, US Naval Forces, France,
9 Rue de Presbourg,
Paris, France."

2. a. Circular Letter No. 146, Off Ch Surg, "Retention of War Trophies by Hospitalized US Military Personnel", 26 December 1944, is rescinded.

b. The provisions of this Circular are replaced by current Theater directives, which are: Par 14, Circular 6, ETO, 17 January 1945; Letter, Hq ETO, AG 311.1, "Mailing of Explosives and Firearms", 23 June 1944; Letter, Hq ETO, AG 386.3 OpGA, "Importation of Captured Enemy Material into the United Kingdom".

3. Circular Letter No. 44, Off Ch Surg, "Plans for Care of Casualties", 12 October 1942, is rescinded.

4. Circular Letter No. 72, Off Ch Surg, "Treatment of Gas Casualties", 4 May 1943, is rescinded.

5. Circular Letter No. 183 (Supply No. 29), Off Ch Surg, "Intravenous Solutions", 20 December 1943, is rescinded.

By order of the Chief Surgeon:

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